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I'm still trying to coordinate a reply from Mr. Colby to Admiral Anderson re COINS.

DDI does not want to have any reference to NOIWON in this reply. Hence they recommend total deletion of the draft paragraph, p. 2, entitled Analytical Content.

I know General Graham wants to keep this idea in the draft; he mentioned it strongly Saturday morning. To try to achieve this, I have redrafted and watered down the paragraph (see attached sheet).  has read it and says it is technically OK.

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Will you let me have your reaction? ( has instructed me to prefer 2 draft letters for WEC, one without any reference, and one with the paragraph retained.)

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Could you give me your recommendations this afternoon. Thanks.



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Original draft:

-- Analytical content. The IC Staff is now testing, for use in crisis and warning situations, the rapid exchange of current intelligence in a national operations and intelligence watch officers network running among the Washington area command centers. Watch officer bulletins might prove a worthwhile addition to COINS files. I am particularly interested in this project because it could take us one more step in expanding the on-line use of formatted intelligence materials for a somewhat more sophisticated analyst than the average COINS user at present.

DDI objection: (DDS&T supports DDI)

Delete paragraph. "This raises a subject on which there is a great deal of disagreement and, as far as I know, no decision that this program will be carried out. Moreover, it has implicit in it a decision to give consumer access to a COINS network. This is a critical decision on which we have to do a great deal of thinking. Finally, I have very serious reservations about the applicability and cost effectiveness of this kind of a computer application and think it premature to advertise."

Proposed redraft:

-- Analytical content. The IC Staff is now testing, for use in crisis and warning situations, the rapid exchange of current intelligence in a national operations and intelligence watch officers network running among the Washington area command centers. This project provides a test vehicle to gain practical experience with the use of intelligence materials that can be formatted and presented in an orderly way, thus enhancing the possibility for computer assistance to intelligence analysts. This experience can benefit files developed for COINS.

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